SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Agreement on Rivers (Violation by Andhra Government),

Q.—7. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the Andhra Government have alleged violation of the 1892 Agreement on Rivers ;

(*b*) whether it is true that the Mysore Government have constructed new irrigation reservoirs in the zonal areas ;

(*c*) the action taken by them in this behalf ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) No ; but certain press reports of a statement said to have been made by the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra on the subject in the Andhra State Assembly, have been brought to the notice of Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Andhra Government (second State Government) alleged violation of the 1892 agreement on Rivers ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That Andhra Government has not made any violation.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have been pleased to say that certain press reports of a statement said to have been made by the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra on the subject in the Andhra State Assembly have been brought to the notice of Government. Did the Government get this matter verified, whether the Andhra Deputy Chief Minister made such an allegation of violation of the 1892 agreement ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We do not take note of press reports as authenticated reports. But anyway we are seized of the matter.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—After you got yourself seized of the matter, may I know what action has been taken by the State Government ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Action will be taken as required under the agreement of 1892 if there is any evasion on the part of either Mysore or Andhra.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that this false allegation of violation of the agreement is made with a view to prevent the restoration or repairs of tanks on the river basins ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What river basins ?

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Pennar, Palar and Chitravati Rivers.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Mere allegations of that kind cannot take away the rights of parties under the agreement of 1892.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Public Works Department has stopped the repairs of many of these tanks in the river basins on account of the allegations made by the Madras and the Andhra Governments ?

Sri H. M. CHANNAB SAPPA.—The Mysore Government will certainly not stop any of the works that we may undertake under the agreement.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Mysore Government taking sufficient precautions to safeguard the interests of the atchkatdars in those river basins? with regard to the restoration and repairs of the tanks ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So long as it is well within the terms and conditions of the agreement, the Mysore Government will certainly proceed to safeguard the interests of the atchkatdars of the tanks in the basins of Palar and Pennar.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Madras and Andhra Governments have violated the terms of the 1892 agreement ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Not that I know of.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that the project near Hindupur across Kumudavathi and Pennar is being built against the 1892 agreement ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— hey have built it in accordance with he 1892 agreement.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Are he Government aware that for a revious question of the same kind the linister then in charge had said that hey had violated in several stages in everal ways ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— The Government of Mysore have made 10 allegation at any time against the Andhra Government that they have violated the agreement. If there is ny violation, there is the procedure aid down in the agreement.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.— Are the Government aware that the Thirumane achkat, in respet of which amount has been sanctioned anp included in the First Five Year Plan, has been stopped for some reasons ? May I know what the reasons are ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Thirumane anecut across Chitravathi is an old anecut. It has got to be resuscitated and improved. It is an anecut which exists from a long time. A fresh estimate was therefore prepared to improve it, to replace it by putting sized stones, and also there is a proposal to open a right bank channel to supply water to some of the tanks. For that the concurrence of the Andhra Government is necessary according to the 1892 agreement. So we have sought the concurrence of the Andhra Government. After the concurrence is obtained, we will proceed.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.— May I know at what stage it is ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— They have asked for certain details regarding the height of the anecut, the storage, the extent of atchkat which the channel is going to have, the dependent atchkat and all other technical details.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.— May I know on what date you were asked to furnish them the details ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Though I cannot tell you the exact date on which we received it, the matter is being attended to.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.— May I know when it is going to be concluded ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— After obtaining the concurrence of the Andhra Government, as required under the agreement, we will proceed.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up).

Electricity (provision for I.P. Sets in Bangalore District).

Q.—33. Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY (Bangalore South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and names of villages in each taluk in the District of Bangalore to which electricity was provided for the purpose of irrigation pump sets from 1952 to 1955 December ;

(*b*) the number of estimates for sanction of power for irrigation pump sets that are pending with them in each taluk in the District of Bangalore from 1952 to 1955 December ;

(*c*) the reason for their pendency ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) *Vide* list 'A' appended.

(*b*) & (*c*) *Vide* list 'B' appended.